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SUBJECT: KEKKONEN REPLIES TO BREZHNEV ON NEUTRON BOMB

REF: HELSINKI 0018

1. FINNISH RADIO AND AT LEAST ONE NEWSPAPER CARRIED BRIEF
ITEMS ON MARCH 10 AND 11 REPORTING THAT PRESIDENT KEKKONEN
HAS ANSWERED THE BREZHNEV LETTER ON THE NEUTRON BOMB. THE
NEWS ITEM, APPARENTLY BASED ON INFORMATION INFORMALLY GIVEN
OUT BY THE MINISTRY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, STATED SIMPLY THAT
IN HIS REPLY PRESIDENT KEKKONEN NOTED FINLAND TAKES A NEGATIVE
POSITION ON THE NEUTRON BOMB AS WELL AS ON OTHER NUCLEAR
WEAPONS AND WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION.

2. A FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL CONFIRMED TO THE POLITICAL
COUNSELOR ON MARCH 20 THAT THE KEKKONEN REPLY HAS GONE FORWARD.
HE SAID THE TEXT WILL NOT BE MADE PUBLIC. HE INDICATED
THAT THE FINNS HAD COORDINATED WITH OTHER NORDIC
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COUNTRIES BEFORE SENDING ITS REPLY. ACCORDING TO
THE MFA OFFICIAL, PRESIDENT KEKKONEN'S REPLY
ADHERES CLOSELY TO HIS PREVIOUS STATEMENTS ON THE
SUBJECT. HE REFERRED SPECIFICALLY TO A STATEMENT
BY KEKKONEN DURING A CAMPAIGN APPEARANCE DECEMBER 17.
ON THAT OCCASION KEKKONEN STATED "WE HAVE ALWAYS STRONGLY
OPPOSED AND WILL CONTINUE TO OPPOSE THE DEVELOPMENT OF ALL

NEW WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION, INCLUDING THE NEUTRON
BOMB."
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